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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor.**

Brief description of the situation:
Reliable sources have informed the International Secretariat of the illegal detention of **Azito FREITAS**, an East Timorese student from the hamlet of Ossoluga in Samalari, Baucau District, by members of the Indonesian "red beret" forces (Kopassus).

According to the information, on October 28 1996, **Azito FREITAS**, 19, was arrested on his way to attend a mass to be celebrated by Bishop Belo at the church of Saint Antonio in Baucau.

Reports indicate that the boy is still being detained at the Baucau police-station where he has allegedly been under intensive interrogation and subjected to violent torture, resulting in a broken arm.

There are fears that he has been pressured under torture to confess to participation in the murder of Commander Juliao Fraga, an East Timorese commander in the Indonesian military who was killed on 24 October in Baucau, or to provide information about the case.

Reliable sources have confirmed that following the killing of Fraga, many East Timorese people have been arbitrarily arrested and are being subjected to torture. They are also reported to being pressured to confess to the killing of Fraga or to accuse others.

Grave fears are held for the life and personal safety of **Azito FREITAS** and any other East Timorese who may still be in detention.

Action requested
Please contact the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Azito FREITAS,** provide him with adequate medical attention and treatment and ensure his immediate release in the absence of valid charges;

ii. ensure the immediate and unconditional release of any detainees who have not been charged with an offence and guarantee their personal integrity;

iii. put an end to illegal detntions, torture and other forms of cruel or inhuman treatment ;

iv. guarantee at all times the full respect of human rights and fundamnetal freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Diplomatic representatives of Indonesia in your country.

Geneva, 6 November 1996
Kindly inform us of all actions taken quoting the code of the present appeal in your reply.